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- 1 Anyone traveling by air must produce his passport when buying the ticket, and the name and passport number are entered on the passenger list.

Travel by Rail

- 2 There is no difficulty in traveling by rail in the Lithuanian SSR. Documents are very seldom checked. It is not difficult to buy a railway ticket, and one is not required to produce identity documents in order to do so. There is no restriction on travel to other parts of the USSR, and anyone can go freely from Lithuania to Kaliningrad, Riga, Tallinn, Moscow, or elsewhere. However, difficulty would arise if one wished to obtain hotel accommodations in another town, for which purpose one must produce a passport and a valid reason for being there.
- 3 The trade unions can send workers and officials to seaside resorts in the Crimea, but those who go are required to pre-pay approximately 300 rubles for the official putëvka or travel voucher. Persons who receive such travel vouchers and cannot afford to go sell them to those who can. Sold privately, these vouchers cost about 600 rubles.

Travel by Road

- 4 Personal identity documents are very rarely checked on highways. The easiest way to travel by road is to stop a non-military truck and ask for a lift. Inspection officials sometimes stop cars and trucks on the road to check the vehicle documents, movement orders, and driver's license, but they do not examine the documents of persons traveling in a truck. Travelers on long-distance buses are not examined, as a rule. The same applies to motorcyclists.

Bicycles

- 5 All bicycles must be registered with the local authorities. The registration numbers which are issued are attached to the bicycles and are valid for one year. In towns the fee is 15 rubles and in villages

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6-8 rubles per year. The regulation governing the registration of bicycles has been in force since before World War II.

Gasoline Prices

6. There is no difficulty in obtaining gasoline in Lithuania. The official price is approximately 0.75 ruble per liter. The blackmarket price is approximately 2 rubles per liter; but, if gasoline is bought in large quantities, by the barrel, the price works out to 0.75 ruble per liter. It is even possible to obtain aviation gasoline, but it is too powerful for automobile engines and must be mixed with ordinary gasoline. The ordinary Soviet gasoline is bad. It is not difficult to obtain an automobile-type 6-volt battery.

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